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Rifle Units in the Sofia and Radomir Areas

- 1. An unidentified rifle battalion is located in a barracks west of the Stanke Dimitrov Temelkovo (formerly Batanovstsi, N 42-36, E 22-58) road, immediately to the north of Radomir. The unit has a strength of 300 men and is commanded by an unidentified Lieutenant Colonel. The barracks consist of four masonry buildings arranged symmetrically, each approximately 80 x 6 meters in size. The front of the barracks area is parallel to the road for a distance of approximately 200 meters. The area is surrounded by a barbed wire fence approximately one meter high.
- 2. An unidentified rifle unit is housed in a barracks located on Patriarkh Eftimi Street, between Stalin and the former Mazen Streets. The unit is equipped with portable machine guns and 88-mm. guns with rubber tired wheels drawn by motor vehicles.
- An unidentified rifle division command is located in Sofia at 3 Levski Street.

The "Ready for Work and Defense" Organization

4. The GTO (Gotov za Trud i Otbrana; Ready for Work and Defense) Organization is formed of youths, generally students, of both sexes. It is allegedly not subordinate to DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation), although it has the same program. Those youths who pass the twelve tests prescribed within the stated time are awarded a metal emblem (see sketch below). The twelve tests include racing, swimming, javelin throwing, carbine shooting, jumping, etc.



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